

Pension Application for Jacob Lane or Lain

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of congress passed June 7th AD 1832.

State of Pennsylvania

County of Allegheny SS.

On this twenty fifth day of February AD 1835 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania Jacob Lane a resident of Indiana Township in the County and State aforesaid aged ninety seven or the fifty day of July last and which time he hath been in his ninety eight year who being first duly according to law, doth make the following declaration on his solemn oath in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June the 7th AD.

That he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in the revolutionary war under the following named officers and served as herein after stated.

Jacob Lane states that near the beginning of the war he volunteered and entered the service of the United States and performed military duty as a private in a company commanded by Captain Stephen Durkee first Lieutenant Peter Benschoven first Sergeant—BorntVanClink—said company was attached to the 2d regiment of Pennsylvania militia which was commanded by Col. Dubois, Alias [Elias?] Benschoten was Major and were stationed at Morisina near Kingsbridge a short distance above the city of New York at which he performed military duty one year and six months and he thinks longer but is certain of it was no less than one year and six months that he remained at this station while stationed at Morisina he was a part of time engaged on a pad [pay?] roll which was employed in arresting the tories and those who were plundering and pillaging his country at the first he was employed in assisting to build fortifications and in preparing [facines?] the whole of his service was under Captain Stephen Derkee –

During the year and a half mentioned he was sometimes ordered to Fishkills stay[ed] there some time and was then ordered back to Morsina he was in a battle fought at Morisina—the American forces stationed at Morisina were attacked by the British form the City of New York—the American force was under the command of Gen. Lee and Col. Dubois—the action began about eleven oclock in the fore noon the American forces went out of the fort and met the British in a field at some little distance from the fort—the battle continued from eleven oclock AM until about sun down—he was engaged the whole day from the time the battle began until the British retreated in the Battle and assisted in taking the British fort which lay between the American fort and the City of New York. The British fort was taken the same evening of the battle in which he recollects the Americans got two brass cannon and a small swivel.

This was the only battle he was in except a skirmish which took place when he was engaged on a scouting party and was attacked by some of the British on low marshy ground about a quarter of a mile from the British fort this party lay in this marsh until after night and then returned to the American fort, he was one of this

party and the British fired on them for half a day while they lay in the marsh there was but one American wounded by a shot in his side, he cannot recollect the year he entered into the service but remembers distinctly that he was in the service and was at Morisina at the time of Burgoine's defeat—he was under arms at [Pecapse Poughkeepsie?] having been ordered there from Morisina at the time Burgoyne's Army was brought into that town. Morisina was the head quarters during all the time he was in in [sic] the service of the regiment to which his company was attached—he was discharged shortly after Burgoyne's Army was taken through Pecapse—he does not recollect what has become of his discharge—he was driven from the Delaware by the Indians three or four years after he left the service and lost every penny [penny] he had and supposes his discharge was lost at that place.

He was born in the state of New York between Brunswick & Amboy went when a young man to Pecapse at which place resided when he entered the service of the United States. Shortly after he left the service he removed into the State of Delaware Buck Col. Middle Smithfield Township—he lived in Delaware, with the exception of about a year and a half which he [was] compelled to leave it by Indian Hostilities, from the time he first went there until about thirty years ago when he moved into Westmoreland County where he lived about twelve years from that into Allegheny County Pennsylvania where he now lives and which is about five miles from the place where he resided in Westmoreland County & further he saith that he was no documentary evidence and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service—

His age is recorded in the family bible of his father which bible his brother Isaac got and it is in the hands of the family of his brother who resides in the State of Virginia he is acquainted with Jonah Holstead [??] Spears, Wm Armstrong, David White, Joseph Morrison, and Michael Bright who can testify as to his character for truth and veracity and their belief of his having served as a revolutionary soldier.

He further states that his memory is so much failed that he cannot state the dates of past events or the precise length of time he served. Thinks he served upwards of two years but is certain it was not less than one year and six months as before stated.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state. (Signed with his mark) Jacob Lane

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid James Riddle.

R.6123

Letter in folder dated August 22, 1933, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your request for the Revolutionary War record of Jacob Lane.

The Revolutionary War records of this office fail to afford any information in regard to Jacob Lane who was pensioned from Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, in 1818.

The data which follow were obtained from papers on file in the pension claim, R.6123, based upon the military service of Jacob Lane, the only soldier by that name who was from Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, that is found in the Revolutionary War records of this office.

Jacob Lane or Lain was born July 5, 1737, in the State of New York between Brunswick and Amboy.

While living in Indiana Township, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, he applied for pension February 25, 1835, and alleged that while living in Poughkeepsie, New York, he enlisted near the beginning of the Revolution, served at various times, amounting to eighteen months in all, with the New York troops under Captain Stephen Duryee and Colonel DuBois, and was in the battle of Morrisania.

His claim was not allowed as proof of his service was never furnished in accordance with the requirement of the pension law.

He stated that shortly after he left the service he moved to Middle Smithfield Township, Bucks County, Delaware (apparently Pennsylvania instead of Delaware). He moved to Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, about 1805, and about twelve years later moved to Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

In April, 1835, he stated that he was a resident of Deer Township, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. He died in that County, date not given.

Soldier married Hannah. Her maiden name and the date of the marriage was not given.

In 1852, the soldier's son, John, was a resident of Harmarville, Pennsylvania.

In July, 1854, both Jacob and Hannah Lane or Lain were dead.